

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 3 - 9

- Monday - Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday - Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday - Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday - Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday - Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday - **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM**
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday - **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



PARISH NEWS



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Saturday, December 8th - Holy Day of Obligation
Mass times: 5:30 p.m. Vigil, 8:30 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

WINTER CONCERT

Les Amis de la Chanson will hold its Winter Concert on December 9th at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral. Please join us for an evening of entertainment and inspiration to open the Christmas season.

Come join us in the Youth Center Sunday, December 9th after the 11 a.m. Mass for Santa, Singing and Snacks! Don't forget to bring your camera!

PRAY FOR: Jenny Fanguy, David Porter, Taylor Riché, Susan Laperouse, Holden Sawyer, Jason Chiasson, Edrith Boudreaux, J.A. Foret, Penny Simmons, Linda Lee, Alaina Maiorana, Cassandra Rios, Charles Spence, Isabella Cole, Kathy Savoie, Ken Pitre, Christina Sparks, Peter Cantrelle, Betty Olivier, Ursula M. Breaux, Pam Jarveaux Ford, Beryl Touns Odom, Wilbert Duplantis, Harold Lapeyre, Russ Todd, Donald Picou, Kathie Folse, Keri Niette, Ethan LeBoeuf, Ralph Deroche, Dianne Deroche, Barbara Touns Miller, Reggie Redmond, Edward Ougel Sr., Deacon Doug Authement, Sylvia Chauvin, Delaney Walsh, Jo Ann Landry, Dennis McCarty, Lee Dugas, Patty Lejeune, Michael Guidry, Christian Olden, Aiden Robichaux and for all prayer shawl recipients.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

- Church
- In Loving Memory of John & Helen Saia*
donated by Jeanne Saia.
- In Loving Memory of Diane Baker*
donated by Bonnie Prosperie.
- In Loving Memory of Robert & Eula Lee Russo*
donated by their Children.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.”
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

As we begin Advent to prepare for the birth of Jesus it is a bit strange to be reading about Jesus preparing his disciples for the Passion he knew was coming because his was a threat to the Jewish leaders and Roman authorities. But to fully appreciate and celebrate the Incarnation and Birth of God Made Man we must reflect upon the reason God became Man and the consequences he would endure to fulfill such a total act of love. Jesus is warning his disciples that his life and teaching would be a challenge to many and a threat to the powerful. He anticipated that his disciples would be tempted to abandon him when people rejected Him and took steps to silence Him. So, as we buy all the presents; trim the trees; string the lights; prepare the food and drinks; decorate for the parties, lets us also take time to reflect upon the real reason Jesus came into the world. He came to teach us, by word and example, to love God, and our neighbor as ourselves. Let that be our gift to Jesus and let us never get caught without it “by surprise like a trap.”

Sunday – November 25

Envelopes (242).....	\$ 9,784.00
Loose	1,826.20
	<u>\$11,610.20</u>

BREAD OR STONES CHRISTMAS



Due to the overwhelming response to last year's Christmas project for Legion Park School and the numerous requests to offer it once again - we will be offering it again - but with a different twist and on a smaller scale! On the table in the vestibule of the church you will find Christmas gift bags. On each bag there will be a label depicting a number, as well as the gender, age, and grade of the child. We will also include shirt size and pant size, if you choose to buy clothes. We ask that you buy for the child only what will fit in the bag. We will be partnering with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in this project. Gifts will need to be returned no later than the weekend of December 15th and 16th. Thank you for your support - and for making Christmas a special one for these kids! (Please see the flyers on the table for more info on the progress of the school!)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join the Houma-Terrebonne Community Band as it presents "The Angels of Christmas" on Sunday, December 16 at 2pm at St. Francis de Sales. We are honored to have Ms. Kim Champagne singing a few selections with us. This concert is free and open to the public. Please join us for a bit of Christmas spirit.



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ADORATION CHAPEL

Please prayerfully consider visiting the Adoration Chapel and spending time with Our Eucharistic Lord as we prepare for Christmas. Today we need to pray more than ever, for ourselves, our families, our country and for peace in the world. Signup sheets are available on the table near the chapel.

LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY WORKSHOP

Lord Teach Me To Pray will offer another workshop on January 5, 2019 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in New Orleans. The day will begin with Mass at 8:00 AM and end by 4:00 PM. Both men and women are invited to attend to learn the facilitating procedures for this type of Ignatian prayer. We would especially like to have men from our parish in attendance to be able to begin a men's group. Although our Lord Teach Me To Pray Women's Group is still in its early stages, it has already proven to be a very spiritual and informative prayer experience. Many have commented that there is something very different and beautiful about this way of prayer. If you are interested, please contact the rectory office for registration, 876-6904. There is no charge for the workshop.

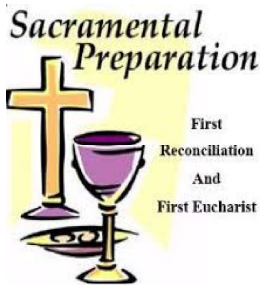
YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

The youth & young adults attending the March for Life Pilgrimage in Washington, DC in January 2019 will have a cake & sweets fundraiser this weekend (December 1st & December 2nd) after all Masses.

If you have any questions about the pilgrimage or fundraiser, please contact Gina Danos at (985) 688-9696 or StFrancisHoumaYouthMinistry@gmail.com.

1st RECONCILIATION - 1st COMMUNION



Sacramental Information Packets for Sacramental Prep have been mailed out to candidates. If you have not received a packet and you feel your child is eligible, please call Mrs. Jane Lirette 856-5488. Any parishioner that has a child in 2nd grade preparing for First Communion and First Reconciliation must return a completed registration form, copy of baptism certificate, and \$30.00 fee, no later than Monday, January 7, 2019.

There will be a mandatory meeting January 23, 2019 in the Youth Center at 6:30 p.m. We expect one parent to attend, but sincerely hope that both will attend this meeting.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Charities is in dire need of volunteers to help prepare income tax returns for low income seniors, individuals and families. Only the simple tax forms are prepared & e-filed on IRS computer software – all other situations are referred to paid preparers. The income tax site is run on the second floor of the Terrebonne Main Library every Tuesday during tax season (February 5 – April 9) from 9am – 3pm. No prior tax experience is necessary – we will train you if needed. Please contact Jennifer Gaudet at 876-0490 if you can help out. Thank you!



MINISTERS SCHEDULE Weekend of December 8-9

Commentators

4:00 PM Mike Trahan
7:00 AM Jude Fanguy
9:00 AM Chad Luke
11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef
5:30 PM Jody Duet



Lectors

4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson
7:00 AM Rebecca Vowell
9:00 AM Melanie Shipp
11:00 AM Jenni McNabb
5:30 PM Ginny Hamilton

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Melva Fournier, Carl & Deborah Soudelier, Bernita Guidry, Volunteer, Volunteer
7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. & Kay Stoufflet, Paul Labat
9:00 AM Dale Norred, Holly Champagne, Michael Boudreaux, Mona Prejean, Volunteer, Volunteer
11:00 AM Carol Domangue, Norman Simon, Dianna Olivier, Ed & Joni Huerstel, Volunteer
5:30 PM Tammy Blanchard, Cathy Duet, Gina Danos, Randy Bethancourt, Kim Sanvi, Volunteer

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Grace Magee, Julia Magee, Kate Magee
7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet
9:00 AM William Luke, Mary Francis Luke, Cooper Bennett
11:00 AM Remi LeBouef, Renea LeBouef, Olivia Babin
5:30 PM Delsin Blanchard, Michael Hamilton, Matthew King

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord,
As we journey through this advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, to listen more intently to Your Word; A time to allow our faith to grow and mature.
Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friend and those with whom we worship.
Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely, or suffering;
And to serve them as if we were serving You.
And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path and prepare for the joy of Your coming! **Amen**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA AND DÉCOR

Deadline for donation/s is Monday, December 17, 2018. We will publish the names of all our donors in a special bulletin insert after the New Year.

Please make check payable to "Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales." You can mail this form with your check to the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales, P.O. Box 4014, Houma, LA 70361 OR drop it in our weekend collections.

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